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Wolfgang Lotz, an Israeli posing as a wealthy German horse breeder, spied successfully in Egypt from 1960 to 1965 before being caught and sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment. Three years later, along with other captives he was freed in an exchange of prisoners that followed the six-day war. He had befriended top officials and, owing to his lavish gifts, came to be known as the "champagne spy." In the forthcoming "A Handbook for Spies," he offers a test for prospective secret agents.

The following questionnaire has been designed to determine the degree of your suitability as a prospective secret agent. The results of this test will also indicate what type of spy or agent you are likely to become — for example, an informer, a "stinker," a double agent, a resident, a master spy, a spy-master.

These terms will be explained later. For the present you should approach the test with an open mind. You will not have to show your answers to anyone, and therefore you can afford to be absolutely honest in your replies.

There are three to five possible answers to each question. Mark the one that is closest to the truth, and after you have answered all the questions, award yourself the number of points indicated in the key that follows the questionnaire. An evaluation of your point total and an analysis of each of the questions follows. You may study it at your leisure only after completing the test. (If you want an honest and comprehensive appraisal, don't look ahead now.)

1. What is your principal motivation for wanting to become a spy?

- a. Adventure
- b. Money
- c. Ideals

2. How old are you?

- a. Under 20
- b. 20-40
- c. 25-35
- d. Over 35
- e. Over 45
- f. Over 55

3. How good a liar are you?

- a. You usually blush when you tell a lie
- b. You can tell an occasional fib without too much trouble, but you hate telling really big lies
- c. You can lie pretty convincingly as a rule
- d. You love telling a good big lie
- e. You never lie

4. How courageous are you? Assume that you see someone (Let's say, a man much bigger and stronger than you) committing an offense you feel strongly about, such as beating a child brutally or torturing a puppy. Would you

- a. Try to talk him out of it
- b. Stop him by any means, even attack him physically
- c. Inform the police
- d. Mind your own business

5. How would you go about collecting information? Assume that you suspect your wife (husband, companion) of being unfaithful to you. Would you

- a. Employ a detective
- b. Ask close friends to supply you with information
- c. Conduct discreet inquiries on your own without involving anyone else
- d. Make a scene and browbeat her (him) into admitting her (his) guilt
- e. Do nothing and hope things will straighten themselves out

6. What is the extent of your willingness to break the law?

- a. To drive through a red light at 2 A.M. with no one about
- b. To do anything, as long as it serves your purpose
- c. To do nothing illegal under any circumstances
- d. To cheat on your income tax return

7. How good a friend are you? Assume that a close friend needs your help, but giving it would cause you considerable trouble and expense. Would you

- a. Rush to the aid unasked and act without consulting the individual
- b. Ask how you can best be of help and then act accordingly
- c. Give only as much help as will not inconvenience you a good deal
- d. Explain that you are sorry, but you are in no position to be of much help

8. How good a mixer are you?

- a. Fond of social life, but only within your own circle
- b. At home in any crowd
- c. Able to strike up quick "friendships" with strangers
- d. Shy and withdrawn, not a good mixer

9. How would you describe yourself as a drinker?

- a. A heavy drinker
- b. A light drinker
- c. A social drinker, but able to take it
- d. A teetotaler

10. How unscrupulous are you? Do you believe in the maxim that the end justifies the means?

- a. Yes, unreservedly
- b. Not when the means or methods are illegal and/or objectionable
- c. Only under certain circumstances
- d. One must judge each case individually

Now that you have answered all the questions to the best of your ability, score your answers according to the following key, add up the points, and let us see just what kind of secret agent you are likely to make.

#### KEY

- 1. a:25; b:15; c:5
- 2. a:0; b:10; c:25; d:20; e:15; f:5
- 3. a:5; b:10; c:25; d:10; e:0
- 4. a:10; b:0; c:5; d:25
- 5. a:5; b:0; c:25; d:5; e:10
- 6. a:10; b:25; c:0; d:15
- 7. a:10; b:25; c:10; d:5
- 8. a:10; b:15; c:25; d:5
- 9. a:5; b:10; c:25; d:0
- 10. a:20; b:0; c:5; d:25

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